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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/467,221
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 20, 1999
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Takumi Okaue et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2876
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Ahshik Kim
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450100-4465.1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

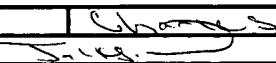
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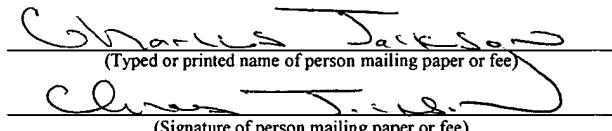
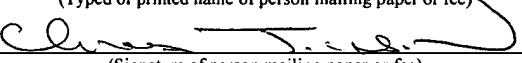
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This is in response to the Final Office Action mail September 18, 2003. The present Amendment is being filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: